Teaching With Technology – Week 3

This was a really labor intensive week. We were exposed to the CAST UDL philosophy for building universal lesson plans that address the special learning needs of a whole class. We also tackled the creation of an e-book using the CAST e-book builder. Both tools represent the direction that we must take teaching and learning for 21st century learners.

I was most impressed this week with the videos that represented Luis and Cameron. Although both of these young men are gifted learners, their perspective on how our students want and need to learn was inspiring. I know I will think twice about my teaching methods as I go back to the classroom and face learners just like these young men.

Finally the YouTube video featuring Jose Ricardo was fascinating. As I watched this video I tried to think of the ways I have applied the 10 Ten Ways to use Technology. (Boxoftricks.net(nd))

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| Tip | How I Have or Will Try to Use |
| Use Streaming Video | Cyberbully Video |
| Use Music | Need an ITunes Account |
| Use Teleconferencing | Adobe Connect and Skpe |
| Create interactive exercises | Jeopardy Powerpoint |
| Use Interactive Whiteboard | Mobi Interactive Slate w/e-Instruction |
| Create your own podcast | Learn Audacity and/or Garageband |
| Start a Blog or Wiki | Several for grad course but not for classroom |
| Use Social Network | Today's Meet – Still skeptical about Facebook |
| Use Internet Tools (Web 2.0) | Wordle, Shape Collage, CAST e-book, Slideshare, Animoto |
| Make the most of student gadgets | Advocate for student use |

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